FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MR DAMIAN MESSER

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Welcome back

The 2014 academic year is under way and it was wonderful to see the students at both campuses return with such enthusiasm. This year provides another opportunity for students to build on their strengths, work on their weaknesses and fully grasp with both hands the opportunities that will be presented to them.

In warmly welcoming back our 745 students, I would like to especially acknowledge the 175 new students, parents and new members of staff who have
joined the College community in 2014:

- Anoushka Hughes, Drama Teacher
- Carissa Briggs, Administration Officer (Finance)
- Louise Oldham, Librarian
- Mitch Ellis, Music Teacher
- Sean Morgan, Property Services Manager
- Michelle Hammond, Learning Support
- Melissa Butterworth, Learning Support

I also welcome back Mrs Jennifer White who has returned from maternity leave.

**Developments**

Over the break work continued in preparation for students to return. I take the opportunity to thank the grounds and maintenance and administration staff for all the extra time and effort that they put in to enable school to commence so smoothly.

At Austins Ferry the re-development of the Hamilton wing has progressed well and the College received partial handover in late January. The new Art wing, two new general purpose learning areas, one of the four Science laboratories and a new student services area with purpose built ICT service facility were handed over. There will be continued disruption for the rest of the term until final handover occurs early in April, however such minor inconveniences are a small price to pay for the imminent delivery of such high quality learning and teaching facilities.

At Patrick Street the synthetic grass outside of Grade Three classroom has been completed with the new sports markings. In my visits to the campus it certainly is getting a good workout from the boys. This work almost completes the identified range of developments as part of the Master Planning process for the Patrick Street campus.

**Banner Message**

The College each year identifies as part of its Strategic Directions planning a theme for the year. The theme is displayed prominently on banners at each campus and through other communication mediums. On the banners this year the message is ‘Identity through our Touchstones’. These Touchstones are the foundation on which we operate as a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition. These Touchstones come from the Edmund Rice Education Australia (EREA) Charter. A full copy of the Charter can be found at [http://www.erea.edu.au/about-us/charter](http://www.erea.edu.au/about-us/charter)

This year the College will embark on its cycle of review with Edmund Rice Education Australia. The process is called a renewal, where the College will be asked to respond to how it is performing as a Catholic school in the Edmund Rice tradition. Staff, students and parents, as well as other members of the community, will be asked to provide feedback in this process. Please keep an eye out through The Star for opportunities to contribute.

**Arrival Time**

A reminder to all parents that that your son is not dropped off on site at either campus, prior to 8.15am.

**Clothing Store**

During the holidays many parents would have visited our Clothing store to update or purchase items of uniform. I would like to thank all those staff and volunteers who worked in the store. With many new students starting their journey, it was an extremely busy time and the staff did their best to manage the difficult times. Thank you also to the many parents who had to wait in queues for their purchases. Your patience was appreciated.
Parents are reminded that uniform items can be purchased and paid for securely via the College website. Paid items can then be collected from the Front Office at either campus. It was pleasing to see many parents take up this option this year and we trust that this will make life a little bit easier during the busy ‘back to school rush’!

Leaders Gathering
Earlier this week I had the pleasure of working with our new student leaders at the Senior campus. We will continue our discussions with a more significant session next Friday. I was extremely impressed with the enthusiasm and insight that the boys have taken into the new school year. I look forward to catching up with the Junior student leaders from the Patrick Street campus at their Commissioning.

Our first major event for 2014 is the College Commissioning which will see all staff and students of the College gather at the Austins Ferry campus on Friday February 28.

Staff News
Congratulations to Simon Ellis and Brad Canning who welcomed new baby girls into their families during the Christmas break. I also congratulate Daniel Lapolla and Allison Morse on their recent marriages, and Mark Beck and Gerardine Huber on their recent engagements.

Sharing the Good News
A reminder to all in our community that we are committed to educating boys about the importance of sustainable living practices. This requires the College to model these learnings and so we endeavour to reduce paper usage by utilising electronic forms of communication wherever possible.

Our weekly College newsletter, ‘The Star’ is a tangible and practical example of this commitment and is readily available online from the College’s website: www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au

Parents are encouraged to go to the website, scroll to the right side of the page and find the link ‘Sign Up’. Please follow the prompts and enter your preferred email address to register to receive this weekly publication.

The College also uses Twitter to communicate news to the College community – it is a very useful medium for the distribution of immediate news such as bus strikes, sports results, coming events and student achievements. Follow the conversation @svctas

In the spirit of Blessed Edmund.

Damian Messer
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL
MR TERRY BLIZZARD

“Br Peter said to me this week in his usual matter of fact way; “they look happy”. This would be my observation too”.

Welcome to the 2014 school year to all new and returning families. I hope the start has been a settled one without too many undue causes of stress. I have been very impressed with the way in which the boys have presented themselves and with how positive they have been in starting the school year. Br Peter said to me this week in his usual matter of fact way; “they look happy”. This would be my observation too. It is always interesting to see how many boys have changed physically over the summer, for example many come back taller, some with deeper voices and a minority with interesting new haircuts!

The start of the year can sometimes be a case of information overload for boys and parents. With this in mind I would like to assure parents that if they have queries at all, please feel free to contact me or the relevant staff member at the College. Staff are easily contactable via email using the following email style: first initial, surname@stvirgils.tas.edu.au ie: tblizzard@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

Student Expectations
So as to avoid any ongoing confusion and I would ask parents to take note of the following expectations for students in relation to uniform, hats and diaries.

Uniforms
As I have alluded to, the boys should be complimented for wearing their uniform so well upon their return. There is always a lot of discussion about the worth or otherwise of school uniforms, and here at St Virgils College we are very unequivocal about our expectations.

The College has a distinctive uniform and when worn well, as so many do, it signifies membership of and loyalty to the College community. The uniform is a wonderful symbol of belonging as well as a great equaliser. When all boys wear the uniform correctly, including appropriate hair styles, there is no distinction between social and financial backgrounds – we are all equal and belong to the one community.

With this in mind I would appreciate parental support with the following:
- Sports Uniform should only be worn on days when boys have PE or after school sport.
- Sports shoes should be predominantly white (or blue) and not clash with the uniform. Please avoid fluoro shoes or laces or black sport shoes. High-top shoes are not appropriate.
- The blazer must be worn to and from school with the formal uniform.
- Only black leather shoes (not canvas) are to be worn with the formal uniform.

**Hats**

Hats are compulsory for all students in Terms One and Four during lunch time and during all outdoor activities. Boys without a hat will be required to move to a shaded area for the duration.

**Diaries**

Diaries are a crucial form of communication between school and home. Boys are required to take them to every class and home each night. Could I please ask parents to support us by signing the diary weekly to acknowledge that it has been seen and used.

I look forward to working with all of our young men throughout 2014 and to it being a year filled with positive and challenging experiences for the boys, a year where for many the journey into manhood begins.

**CAMPUS MINISTER**

**BR PETER FLINT**

For about the past 13 years or more, I have been taking ‘mug shots’ of the new students and arranging them into groupings that teachers need. This year was no different, except I did it a bit differently to speed it up; and of course, it took longer!

As I looked over the photos one thing stood out for me. "These boys are happy!" With rare exception, every face was alive with a smile and a glint in the eyes. (Wondering about that glint?) Over the next few days they will be confronted with the reality of secondary schooling: moving to subject rooms, organising lockers and books, canteen arrangements and responding to many invitations to join this that and the other - and sailing!

So expect some emotional exhaustion perhaps. I recall asking one Grade 7 last year how it was going for him? "You have to learn to organise yourself" was his reply; how very true.

It is my prayer, and yours too I suspect, that all goes well all the time! But.......

As Campus Minister my role is promote the spiritual life of the College and its people while respecting that everyone is on their own journey with the Mystery we call God. I try to assist the boys discover their own spiritual life and encourage them to explore it as they grow. Footy sometimes gets in the way!

There is a lot more I could say, especially after reading Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation: Evangelli Gaudium. It is riveting reading as you have probably discovered, but I will stop here and let you ponder these simple thoughts.

In matters religious I am into conversations, fuelled by coffee; never debates and never arguments. Please feel free to contact me as below:

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0439 73 83 27
MINISTRY TEAM

MRS RENEE MACGREGOR
DIRECTOR OF IDENTITY

Our Ministry team is looking forward to a fruitful year ahead. Planning has begun for our annual Project Compassion Campaign, Lenten Rituals and the Archdiocese Palm Sunday Pilgrimage that takes place in the years where World Youth Day is not celebrated. There will also be opportunities for students and staff to be involved in community service activities.

Over the summer break Old Virgilians participated on Edmund Rice and St Vincent de Paul Camps providing respite to families in need and much needed positive role modelling to young people in our communities. Their endless energy and enthusiasm creates the perfect environment for a week of fun, games and good memories. We also had a number of staff experiencing their first Edmund Rice Camp helping out in the kitchen.

Staff welcomed the new academic year gathering for Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on their first day back. Mass was celebrated by Fr Brian Nichols and was held on the Feast of St John Bosco. Like Blessed Edmund Rice, John Bosco, the founder of the Salesians saw the need to provide educational opportunities for disadvantaged boys so it was rather fitting that our College staff celebrated Mass on this day.

Our traditional Blessing of the Bags took place on Tuesday morning in the Edmund Rice Hall. Blessing of the bags is a proud tradition at St Virgil's College. It marks the beginning of our school year and welcomes the new members of our community. More importantly it reminds us that we are a Catholic community. It is a symbol of new beginnings, of renewal and of the journey ahead.

JUNIOR SCHOOL

MR ANDREW PINELLI, HEAD OF JUNIOR SCHOOL

“We do not learn from experience... we learn from reflecting on experience.”

John Dewey

Welcome Back
It is hard to believe that the Christmas break has passed so quickly. A special welcome to all of our new boys from Grade 3 to 6. It was certainly great to see all the boys returning to the College last Friday for our first day of the school year at the Junior School Campus. There was an air of excitement around the campus as boys caught up with their mates and started to contemplate the challenges of the new school year with a new teacher.

Bottom Court Upgrade
A significant enhancement to the Junior School campus during the holiday break was the resurfacing of the bottom court with synthetic grass. In partnership with the Junior School P & F, the College has laid the new surface with additional markings for a cricket pitch, basketball key and more handball courts. It has been a welcome addition to the site and certainly an area that the boys have really enjoyed utilising since their return. The boys and staff are most grateful of the efforts of the P & F and the College in ensuring we have great play spaces.
Staffing
All teachers have reported that the boys have settled into their routines very well so far since the commencement of the school year. With quite a number of new boys on the campus it has been very good to see new friendships start to be made both in and out of the classroom.

Classroom Teachers
Grade 3 Mr Luke Fitzpatrick
Grade 4 Mr Tim Birthisel
Grade 5 M Mrs Jo Messer / Mrs Teresa Geason
Grade 5 O Mrs Karen Ogle
Grade 6 C Mrs Fiona Chambers / Mrs Teresa Geason
Grade 6 W Mr Chris Waugh

Specialist Teachers
Learning Enrichment Ms Amelia Showers
Japanese Mrs Megan Williamson
Library and Art Ms Jan Stary
Choir, Music and Band Mrs Jillian Norton
Physical Education Mr Mark Nichols
Music and Band Mr Jeremy Williamson and Mr Dan Sulzberger

Parent Information Gatherings
This week the Junior School combined the parent information evening for the classes with the iPad session for all the parents of new boys at the Junior School. This gathering is an important component of the partnership between the College and parents/guardians in the education of the boys. It was great to see a good turn-out of parents taking time out of their hectic schedules for these meetings. Parents/guardians were not only able to meet their son’s classroom teacher but also find out about classroom expectations, camps and the other fantastic opportunities that have been planned for boys throughout the year.

iPads
By the end of the week, all boys at the Junior School should have received their iPad. The boys have been asked to ensure that their iPad is fully charged and fully updated prior to their bringing it back to school on Monday February 17. If any family is having difficulty in getting their son’s iPad set up, please do not hesitate to contact the Junior school Campus so that we can put processes in place to help out. A reminder that user agreements MUST be returned before your son will get his iPad.

Junior School Swimming Trials
Our swimming trials will occur next Thursday February 20 at the New Norfolk Pool. Further information will be coming home with the boys today about this activity.

P & F Association
The Junior School P & F Association is a critical link between parents and the College. The P & F play an instrumental in so many aspects of the Junior School Campus. The first meeting of the P & F is next Tuesday February 18 at 7pm in the Library. We are seeking nominations for Executive positions prior to that meeting with details coming home with the boys today. Please consider your ability to participate in a more formal manner through the P & F.

General permissions
Today, families will receive the ‘Parental Permission Forms’ booklet. Please take the time to read through and sign the document accordingly and return it to your son’s teacher by Wednesday February 19. The purpose of the document is to
avoid the need to continually send home permission forms for different, smaller activities. Notification of pending excursions will be provided to parents with permission for larger activities, like camps, requiring a specific permission form.

Calendar update
Parents and guardians are reminded to subscribe to the College’s online calendar. The great advantage of this is that if there are necessary changes to dates these changes can be made immediately. Please check the calendar at: http://www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au/calendar/
Calendar items relevant to your son can be downloaded directly to your PC, tablet or smartphone.

Significant, upcoming events are summarised below

**February**
P & F Association meeting @ 7.00pm in Library
Swimming Trials @ New Norfolk
Assembly @ 2.30pm in the Hall
House Swimming Carnival @ Glenorchy
P & F welcome BBQ @ 6.00pm

February 18
February 20
February 21
February 26
February 28

Canteen
Mrs Olga Leon
Please return canteen volunteer forms to the Front Office as soon as possible.

Wednesday February 19  K Borsboom / T Noble
Thursday February 20  NO CANTEEN – JS Swim Trials
Friday February 21  R & L Langshaw

*The re-surfaced play area at Junior School*
DIRECTOR OF LEARNING AND TEACHING

MISS HEIDI GREGG

After a slightly extended summer break here we are at the start of the 2014 academic year! My personal goal this year is to increase the connections between myself and the parents of my students by trying to share more of what is going on in the classroom and particularly more regular feedback about student progress. I wonder, whose responsibility is it to maintain and nurture the connection? Should the teacher be responsible for making sure the parent is always informed and up to date? Or should the parent be working to ensure that they are in contact with their son’s teachers?

The answer, in my opinion is BOTH! I hope that every parent makes a point at the start of the year to get hold of an email address for every one of their son’s teachers and begins a dialogue. And likewise, I hope that every teacher is sharing their preferred contact options with parents and students. I often hear parents say that they don’t want to be a bother to teachers, but please be assured that we very much welcome your contact at any time and are committed to helping parents feel connected to their son’s learning.

In this spirit if you have any questions, concerns, ideas or feedback I would love to hear from you. I can be contacted at hgregg@stvirgils.tas.edu.au I look forward to working with all stakeholders in 2014 in continuing to build a culture of partnership, ongoing learning and communication between students, teachers and parents.

DIRECTOR OF TRANSITION

MR CAMERON ALEXANDER

Grade 7 Transition Issues
It has been pleasing to see the vast majority of boys settling into the routine of daily life at St Virgil’s this week. However, there have been a number of boys who have felt anxious about a number of areas, such as: meeting new friends, buses, reading the timetable, accessing lockers and setting up their iPad. These feelings are completely natural and the boys should not feel bad about having these emotions; we encourage them to talk to their parents or members of staff so that we can give them the assistance they require.

Next Thursday the New Parent Evening, from 7.30pm, will be a great opportunity for parents to meet the key staff involved in their sons Pastoral Care, however, if you have anything you wish to discuss before then, the following list of staff, with their email address, is all the staff members who can help your son with any issues they are facing:

Director of Transition, Mr Cameron Alexander (calexander@stvirgils.tas.edu.au)

SPORT

Please check out the new SVC Sport Website!

Ever sat at your office desk wondering whether cricket, tennis or sailing will be on tonight due to inclement weather? Or more practically, where is Bell St Oval?

Hopefully these worries will be a thing of the past with the launch this week of the St Virgil’s College Sport website! The website, accessed from the front page of the College website www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au features a range of informative features including:

- Calendar of events
- Fixtures, ladders and results tabs
- Ground locations – including google maps
- Latest news from the Director of Sport
- Sport sign up forms – for students and parent helpers/coaches
- A Red/Green traffic light system which indicates if games are on or off.
- Uniform requirements for all sports
- Photo galleries from out in the field!

Please take the time to visit the site and provide any feedback to Director of Sport, Mr James Dalton jdalton@stvirgils.tas.edu.au
College Psychologist, Mrs Ali Morse (amorse@stvirgils.tas.edu.au)

Heads of House:
Doyle, Mr Simon Ellis (sellis@stvirgils.tas.edu.au)
Dwyer, Mr Simon Orlowski (sorlowski@stvirgils.tas.edu.au)
Hessian, Mr Bradley Canning (bcanning@stvirgils.tas.edu.au)
Joyce, Mr Barry Maxwell (bmaxwell@stvirgils.tas.edu.au)

New Parents Evening
Next Thursday is the 2014 New Parents Evening. This is a fantastic way for parents to meet their son’s teachers, especially their Pastoral Care Teacher, as well as to hear some important information in regards how we can best work in partnership to best serve your sons. Drinks and Nibbles will be supplied by the Parents and Friends Association after the gathering.

Time: 7.30pm - 8.30pm
Location: Joyce Performance Centre, Austins Ferry

Grade 7 - New Beginnings
The Grade 7 New Beginnings Programme is a key component of the wider transition programme to assist Grade 7 students successfully transition into the St Virgil’s College community. The programme consists of four, two day programmes, that run over four weeks, with each House group rotating through each activity. The activities are based around important aspect of your son’s life at the College and provide opportunities to build strong relationships with fellow students and staff, as well as build a sense of belonging to their pastoral Care Group, House Group as well as the College itself.

All boys will receive detailed information next week however, the dates for each of the experiences for each House is below.

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### Time and Space Programmes - Please Save the Dates!
Details will be available closer to the dates of each of these programmes, however you may wish to add them to your calendar now:

#### Grade 9/10 Time and Space
- Night 1 Tuesday March 18 – 7pm - 9.00pm
- Night 2 Wednesday March 19 – 7pm - 9.30pm
- Weekend Friday March 21 (evening) – Sunday March 23 (early afternoon)
- Dinner Monday March 24 – 7 pm-9.30pm
- Final Night May 19 – 7pm - 9.30pm

#### Grade 7 Mother/Son Evening
- Thursday March 20 - 7.30 pm - 9.30pm

#### Grade 8 ‘Stepping Up’ Evening
- Tuesday May 20 - 7.30 pm - 9.30pm

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## DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

**MR JEREMY WILLIAMSON**

### Music at St Virgil’s College 2014

Welcome back to another exciting year of music making at St Virgil’s College! The College runs a busy, dynamic music department which provides plenty of opportunities for boys. St Virgil’s runs three bands and one choir in the Senior School.

The **Senior Band** is a hand-picked group of the top performing musicians in the school. It is the flagship instrumental ensemble of the school and performs at all of the big occasions through the school year. The Senior Band rehearses each Monday from 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm commencing February 11.

The **Big Band** this year will be open to any boys in Grade 8 to 10 who have played a musical instrument for at least one year. It is also for advanced Grade 7 boys who wish to extend themselves in performance. The Big Band rehearses each Friday morning from 8:00 am to 9:00 am commencing March 7. The College will run a bus from the city to St Virgil’s, leaving Macquarie St at 7.30am for boys needing this service. Interested students should attend a meeting in music on Tuesday February 18 to sign-up.
The **Grade 7 Band** is open to any boy in Grade 7 wishing to further his skills beyond the classroom band programme. The band will rehearse each Tuesday morning from 8:00 am to 9.00 am commencing in Term 2. The College will run a bus from the city to St Virgil’s, leaving Macquarie St at 7.30 am for boys needing this service.

The **Senior Choir** is open to all boys from Grade 7-10. It is a large, fun group to be a part of and performs at many school events and concerts. The Senior Choir has won numerous awards in its history including winning its section of the Hobart Eisteddfod on a number of occasions. Senior choir sings a vast range of pieces including, contemporary, jazz and traditional choral music. The Senior Choir rehearses every Thursday from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm commencing February 20. The College runs a bus from St Virgil’s into the city after rehearsals for the convenience of families and to allow lots of boys to be involved. Interested boys should attend a meeting on Monday February 17 in the music room.

**Instrumental Music Lessons**

St Virgil’s College administers a specialised Co-Curricular Music Programme which provides tuition in music in areas outside the regular school curriculum. We have some of Hobart’s finest musicians hired by the College to work with students. The Programme is made available across both Junior and Senior campuses and is predominantly administered during school hours on site, for the convenience of families. Tuition fees must be paid in advance to St Virgil’s College who administer the programme.

Students can elect to have private, paired or group tuition. Group tuition for Grade 5, 6 and 7 is free through the curriculum programme, though students may elect and pay for private or paired tuition.

Scheduling Thirty-minute lessons are timetabled on a rotating basis each fortnight so that students will not miss the same class each lesson. There will be 16 lessons in each semester.

**Lessons in 2014 will commence in Week 3 of Term One**

Forms have been distributed to students to sign-up for music lessons. They are also available from the front office, music office – or downloadable from the front page of the College website - [http://www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au/instrumental-music-lessons/](http://www.stvirgils.tas.edu.au/instrumental-music-lessons/)

**Grade 7 Music**

All boys in Grade 7 will be studying a musical instrument; either the trumpet, trombone, alto or tenor saxophone, drum kit, bass guitar, flute, clarinet or euphonium. They will learn this in each music class, plus receive a weekly small group tutorial of 30 minutes with one of the specialist instrumental music staff.

Instrument aptitude testing is completed by music staff in the first few weeks of school, after which students are assigned an instrument to play for the year. The College owns a good stock of quality instruments which students play in class and which can be borrowed for nightly or weekend practice. Students simply need to sign instruments out and in each time.

Grade 7 students will receive a tutorial timetable. On the timetable will be each member of their group and the times during the term they need to come out for lessons. The timetable needs be in the student diary and shown to their class teacher when a lesson is on. Lessons are compulsory for all students in Grade 7 and are given on a rotating basis, so students are not missing the same class regularly.

For all enquiries about music please contact the Director of Music Mr Jeremy Williamson – [jwilliamson@stvirgils.tas.edu.au](mailto:jwilliamson@stvirgils.tas.edu.au)
SPORT NEWS

Sailing

Br Peter Flint

During Sunday’s ‘Big Blow’ I was reflecting upon how we would have handled the situation if we had been out on the river when it hit. Thankfully we were not! Our first priority would have been to ensure the sailors were safe. Get them ashore and see what we could do, in safety, for the boats.

Safety looms very large in my mind, as it should with all who go down to the sea in boats. We do see some interesting scenarios when less skilled people try to launch and recover on the boat ramp. One wonders. Occasionally those lesser skills are probably not enhanced by the alcohol being consumed during the manoeuvres.

The Nutgrove Competition starts Tuesday next and the closeness to the start of the year makes it difficult to finalise teams. We are working on it. As I do every year, I try to keep everyone happy all the time. I am a slow learner! Just so long as sailors are watching their emails.

We could have two A Division teams and a GYC/SVC B team, or some variation thereof.

Over the holidays it was pleasing to note that Angus Price came third in the National Cadet titles and is currently running First in the State titles. Jack Kennedy also did exceptionally well. Harry Dwyer was also pleased with his performance. Josh Eggins won the State Fireball title. Our Sailors are leading the way!

A ‘Try Sailing Experience’ will be starting soon. Details will be provided to boys as they are finalised and will also be available from the new College sport website.

Please contact me with any queries – pflint@stvirgils.tas.edu.au

Water Polo Stars

Well done to Fletcher Cashion, James Drew, Nelson Goram-Aitken, Lochlann Jenkins, Joseph McMullen, Callum Polanowski and Angus Reilly who have been selected to represent Tasmania in the Under 14 National Championships. An amazing effort for seven SVC students to be selected in the State team.

Well done to Dylan Hay who has been selected to Captain the Tasmanian Under15 team at the National Cricket Carnival in Canberra from February 24 to February 29. Caiden Workman has also been selected to play in the team ensuring a strong representation of SVC cricketers. Good luck boys!

Sporting Success

Over the course of the year many Senior School boys achieve some remarkable results in a range of sporting endeavours. Please send details through to the Director of Sport Mr James Dalton – jdalton@stvirgils.tas.edu.au to enable these be shared with the entire College community.
COLLEGE COMMUNITY NEWS

GL Curtis Scholarships for Old Virgilians

Applications are invited for the GL Curtis Scholarship for first year university students.

The GL Curtis Scholarship provides a sum of $1,000 to an Old Virgilian beginning university studies. It is a once only payment to assist with the costs of attending university in the first year and is to be used for the purchase of essential texts or materials, the payment of university charges or the establishment costs necessary to provide university accommodation (country or interstate students).

It is normally expected that the student will be enrolled at the University of Tasmania unless there are significant reasons why this is not the case (such as the courses not being offered there).

Criteria

1. Recipients must be graduates of St Virgil’s College.
2. The recipient will be enrolled for the first year of a university course.
3. In line with the terms of the endowment, priority may be given to those enrolled in medicine, law or chemistry.

Applications

Written applications are invited by April 4 in the year of intended university enrolment. Applications should outline:

- the intended university and course, including proof of enrolment;
- the reason for this choice of course;
- the intended use of the funds;
- the personal circumstances of the applicant, particularly any relevant financial difficulty.

Selection

The selection panel will include the Principal and two Board members of St Virgil’s College. The panel may wish to make personal contact with applicants to gain further information about the application. As funds are held in trust by the Archdiocese the final decision will be ratified by the Archbishop.

Uniform Shop

Mrs Cindy Gangell

A big and sincere thank you to the St Virgil’s community for their patience in regards to the waiting time at the Uniform shop in our very busy back to school week! Our online ordering system has made a huge difference and I encourage all parents to consider using it when ordering uniform in 2014 – it now also features a secure online payment portal.

The Uniform Shop is out of stock in a few items at present (socks for example). Once these items arrive we will notify you by phone, email or through ‘The Star’.
2014 UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

SENIOR SCHOOL CAMPUS
Tuesday and Thursday 8.30 am to 3.30 pm

JUNIOR SCHOOL CAMPUS
Tuesday 8.30 to 9.30 am
Thursday 2.00 to 3.30 pm

Austins Ferry Canteen
Mrs Carol Hilyer
Could parents be aware when ordering son’s lunch online, that you ask them to visit the canteen before school to pay and collect their lunch cards.

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Archdiocese Events
Confirmation and First Eucharist.

Parents/carers who are parishioners of St John’s Glenorchy Catholic parish and who believe that their child is ready to prepare to celebrate these sacraments are invited to one of two parent meetings on Monday February 17. These will be held in St John’s Presbytery, 62 Bowden Street, Glenorchy at 2.00pm and repeated at 7.00pm.
Any queries, please contact parish office ph. 6272 6363, 9.00am –2.30pm or Jo phone 6273 1990.

Janelle Stowe
Former College music teacher Mrs Janelle Stowe has opened her own music business, JS Music which specialising in piano, trumpet and vocal tuition. The quality of past musicals and gala concerts highlight the talent of Janelle and interested music students are encouraged to contact Janelle on 0438 280 496 or janellestowemusic@gmail.com to organise a lesson time.
**Hobart Junior Football Club**
All new players to the Hobart Junior Football Club play for free in 2014.
We welcome children from Auskick to U16 level.

Interested? If so, come along to our Come and Try at Campbell Street Primary School Oval on Wednesday February 19 from 4 pm, or our registration days on Sunday February 16 and Sunday February 23, 11 am-1 pm at the TCA Ground on The Domain.

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**A Kids Love Drama, Parents Love the Results!**

Building confidence and self-esteem through acting, our acclaimed programme has been making a difference since 1979. Helen O’Grady Drama develops creativity, social and communication skills and it’s fun! Taking enrolments now! Weekly classes for Lower Primary, Upper Primary and Youth at West Hobart, Sandy Bay, Kingston, Lindisfarne, New Town, Bellerive.
Phone Belinda and Franz on 6272 2242 to find out about our classes. The difference is dramatic! [www.helenogrady.com.au](http://www.helenogrady.com.au), hobart@helenogrady.com.au

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**Central Region Junior Soccer Association**
Treasurer Needed
CRJSA is seeking a volunteer to join the Executive in the role of Treasurer. The Treasurer attends Executive and Delegates meetings which occur on the first Monday of the month from February to December as well as managing the Association’s finances. For more information please contact Mark Chladail - Mark.Chladil@fire.tas.gov.au

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**Clarence Junior Football Club**
**Registration Day**
Date 22nd February 2014
Time 10.00am – 12.00pm
Location Clarence Club Rooms 223 Clarence St Howrah (Between Zap Fitness and Pizza Hut)

or

Register Online
Please email admin@clarencejuniors.stjfl.com.au if you have any questions?

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**Glenorchy District Junior Football Club**
Registration days are
Sunday 16th Feb 10:00-12:00
Monday 17th Feb 5:30-7:00 pm @ KGV oval

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- 2014 Instrumental Music Programme Enrolment Form
- Janelle Stowe Music Tuition business card
Each week boys at St Virgil’s College are involved in a wide range of exciting curricular and co-curricular experiences. These experiences provide a rich source of learning, fun and personal growth – here is just a snapshot of these activities, captured through the lens of Br Peter Flint and Mr Andrew Pinelli.

Additional photos can be accessed at:
Svcpics.phanfare.com

Old Virgilians Rex Gillam and Barry King